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SUBJECT Notes on Volga River Traffic

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SUPPLEMENT

- Because of ice floes, the Volga River at Kriusha is impassable for river traffic from the beginning of November until the end of April. Kriusha usually accommodated about 30 barges and 20 self-propelled river boats each winter from 1940 to 1946. Most of these craft were from 3000 to 4000 register tons, although one winter there were two tankers of 8000 Brutto register tons put up.
- River traffic on the Volga was at a peak during the summer of 1941. Later in the war, traffic declined to a considerable extent as the battle was pushed farther to the west.
- Most Volga River boats are constructed in shipyards located at Rybinsk (58°5' N - 38°48' E) and Sormovo (sic), north of Moscow. The majority of the barges serving on the river are of wooden construction, while tankers and most self-propelled ships are of steel. Early in the war, many river boats were converted from oil to coal consumption. The Volga Canal at Moscow handles all types of river boats with the exception of wooden boats, which are not allowed to pass through this canal.
- The following Volga River ships were identified:

| Name           | Engine HP    | Tonnage              | Remarks   |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------|---|
| Stenka Razin   | 1600 to 2000 | Unknown              | This tugboat is one of the largest and best on the Volga; it can tow 4 to 5 large, fully-loaded tank barges upstream. |
| Mongol         | 1200         | Unknown              | Very old.   |
| Marshal Zhukov | 1200         | Unknown              | Equipped with a Lentz engine.   |
| Unza           | Unknown      | 8000 Brutto Register | Tanker  |
| Argentina      | Unknown      | 8000 Brutto Register | Tanker  |

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| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Engine HP</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>Remarks</u>                                  |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|---|
| Ruslan       | 3-400            | Unknown        |   |
| Elton        | 600              | Unknown        |   |
| Chkalov      | 6-800            | Unknown        |   |
| Volgastroi   | 1200             | Unknown        |   |
| Mikoyan      | 1200             | Unknown        | Passenger ship equipped with 2 Diesel engines.  |
| Fedoshenko   | 5-600            | Unknown        | Equipped with a Lentz engine.                   |
| Chapayev     | 5-600            | Unknown        | Equipped with a Lentz engine.                   |
| M. Kalinin   | 1200             | Unknown        | Passenger ship, equipped with 2 Diesel engines. |
| Kaspisstroi  | 150              | Unknown        | Has two 75 h.p. vertical steam engines.         |
| W. Kuybishev | 750              | Unknown        | Passenger ship.                                 |
| Usyskin      | 500-600          | Unknown        | Passenger ship.                                 |

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